By the Maior.

To the Alderman of
the Ward of

WHEREAS divers good Laws have formerly been made, and are ſtill in force againſt ſeveral wicked and diſorderly Practices, which through the omiſſion of the Magiſtrate and Officers concern'd to put the ſame in Execution, are openly and notoriouſly violated and broken within this City, to the great Offence of Almighty God, Diſhonour of the Chriſtian Religion, and Scandal and Reproach of the Citizens and Inhabitants of this City, and not without a juſt Imputati-

on upon the Government thereof. And whereas it is Incumbent upon me to Correct, Suppreſs, and Prevent (as much as in me lies) all kinds of Enormities and Diſorders within this City, and to Invite and Ingage all my Brethren the Aldermen to concur and joyn with me in that Performance; Wherein having communicated to them my Intentions at a Court of Aldermen, they have readily and heartily promiſed and undertaken in their Stations to further and promote the ſame.

Wherefore, by Advice of my ſaid Brethren the Aldermen, Theſe are to deſire, and in His Majeſties Name to charge you from time to time to exert your Care and your Authority (in all Parts of this City, as you ſhall have Opportunity, and eſpecially within your Ward) for the Puniſhment and Extirpation, as much as is poſſible, of all Lewd, Enormous, and Diſorderly Practices; Some Inſtances of which kind, being moſt notorious and ſcandalous, I have thought fit more particularly to recommend to your Care (not to leſſen it in reference to other Enormities, but to ingage you more immediately to the Proſecution of ſuch as follow, namely)

The Prophanation of the Lord's Day by Peoples Exerciſe of their ordinary Callings on that Day, and Tipling or uſing other vain Imployment, and neglecting the Worſhip and Service of God.

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The Sin of Drunkenneſs.

And profane Curſing and Swearing.

Which being very heinous, and yet grown very common, require the more vigorous Endeavour of all Perſons in Authority to ſuppreſs them.

And then Vagabonds and Beggars (which though of leſs Conſequence than any of the former, yet) exceedingly peſtering and anoying the Streets and Publick Places within this City, and being given me ſtrictly in Charge by my Lord Chief Baron when I took my Oath at the *Exchequer*, I recommend likewiſe particularly to your Care the clearing of the Streets from that living Nuſance.

In all which Caſes, in regard ſufficient Proviſion hath been made by Acts of Parliament, I have cauſed ſuch Acts as provide againſt the ſaid Enormities to be Abbreviated and added hereunto, for your better knowledge of the Laws in that behalf, and the better Execution thereof.

And you are required frequently to Charge and Admoniſh all Conſtables and other Officers within your Ward, That they omit not to do their parts diligently and carefully for putting the ſaid Laws reſpectively in Execution againſt all Offenders thereof: And on the Lord's Days particularly that they be careful to ſearch for all Perſons that ſhall continue Tipling in Taverns Ale-houſes, or Coffee-houſes, and both them,

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and the Maſters of the ſaid Houſes, and all other Offenders againſt any of the ſaid Laws, that they cauſe them to undergo the Penalties thereby reſpectively inflicted.

And you are alſo deſired to call all the Conſtables, and other Officers of your Ward, frequently to Account, and Inform your ſelf how they ſhall have performed their Duties in all the aforeſaid Particulars; and ſuch of them as you ſhall at any time find remiſs or negligent therein, That you cauſe the Forfeitures impoſed by the ſaid Laws in that behalf to be daily levied upon them accordingly; or otherwiſe that they be bound over to the Seſſions of the Peace, there to anſwer the ſame. Hereof fail not as you tender the Honour and Service of Almighty God, and the Publick Weal of this City. Given this Eighth Day of *November* 1687. and in the Third Year of his Majeſties Reign.

Wagſtaffe.